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1. ACCORDING TO BEST INFO FROM LOCAL COURT, INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES GRATIS LEGAL COUNSEL ONLY IN CASES WHICH MAY INVOLVE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. IN ALL OTHER CASES, DEFENDANTS MUST ENGAGE OWN LEGAL COUNSEL. APPLIES ALL NATIONALITIES.
 2. LEGAL COUNSEL READILY OBTAINABLE THROUGH LOCAL "PERADIN" (ASSOCIATION OF INDONESIAN LEGAL COUNSELS).
 3. IN GENERAL, PUBLIC FUNDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS OF SUBSTANTIALLY POORER QUALITY THAN THAT OF PAID, PRIVATE COUNSEL. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED LAWYERS BASED IN JAKARTA WHO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO DEFENDANTS THROUGHOUT INDONESIA IN CERTAIN CASES ON HUMANITARIAN BASIS.
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